



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 10

1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 155
Seattle, WA 98101-3188

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL
ADMINISTRATOR

Tarah Heinzen
Senior Staff Attorney
Food & Water Watch
1616 P Street NW
Washington, DC 20036

Tyler Lobdell
Staff Attorney
Food & Water Watch
2009 NE Alberta Street
Portland, OR 97211

Dear Ms. Heinzen and Mr. Lobdell:

Thank you for your correspondence dated January 16, 2020 transmitting the petition for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to exercise its emergency powers established in Section 1431 of the Safe Drinking Water Act to investigate and address persistent nitrate groundwater contamination in Oregon's Lower Umatilla Groundwater Management Area.

EPA is reviewing the petition and will respond to you when we have completed our review.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jeff Kenknight of my staff at (206) 553-6641.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Kowalski
Director, Enforcement and
Compliance Assurance Division